

Pontifical Mass, Banquet Marks St. Alphonsus Jubilee

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Auburn—The celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Alphonsus Parish, Auburn was opened Sunday, June 7 with a Pontifical High Mass at 11 o'clock and will continue for a week, closing with a Family Picnic on Sunday, June 14 at the parish camp, Camp Columbus on Owasco Lake.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey celebrated the Mass in the morning. A procession, headed by members of the Knights of St. John's Commandery 361, of St. Alphonsus and several top ranking knights from Rochester, escorted Bishop Casey and a large number of priests from Auburn parishes and many former assistants at St. Alphonsus.

THE VERY REV. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Notre Dame Retreat House, Rochester, was the preacher at the Mass. Father Aylward recalled that the parish had been founded by Redemptorist missionaries whose accounts of their Auburn work may be read in the archives of the order.

More than 550 gathered at the Osborne Hotel in the evening for a dinner followed by dancing. Leo R. Kroker was toastmaster. The Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor of St. Aloysius led in the grace before meals, and the Rev. Jerome A. Holubowicz, O. F. Conv., pastor of St. Hyacinth's, the grace after meals.

Sunday was the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Frederick G. Straub who has been pastor of St. Alphonsus for the past 29 years. Father Straub was presented with a watch by Mrs. Charles E. Hutson on behalf of the organizations of the parish and with a purse by Robert P. Schneider on behalf of the parishioners.

THE REV. Ignatius X. Cameron of Ontario, the first assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus was the principal speaker at the dinner. In his talk, Father Cameron spoke of the history of the parish and extolled the memory of the late Rev. Herbert Regenbogen, pastor for 28 years. The speaker praised Father Straub for continuing in the tradition of his predecessor and for the spiritual and material progress of the parish under his care.

The Honorable Robert A. Nelson, mayor of Auburn and a parishioner of St. Alphonsus, spoke and referred to Father

Straub as "the greatest priest and leader any church could be blessed with."

A 150-page souvenir book of the 100 years history of the parish, including 90 pictures was given to each family at the dinner.

Reds Bar Religious Instruction In Homes

Trieste—(RNS)—Religious instruction now is forbidden in Hungarian homes as well as in State schools, according to refugees from Budapest who arrived here.

The refugees said fathers of children who reveal they have been receiving any sort of religious education in the home are liable to lose their jobs and are always reprimanded by the local Communist Party.

Information about such home education is obtained by school teachers who question their pupils, the refugees asserted.

For example, they said, teachers ask questions such as, "Who is Jesus?" "Who is the Virgin Mary?" When the pupils answer, the teacher asks "Who told you so?" "Mummy or Daddy," is the usual reply. The teacher then informs Communist officials who take action against the parents, the refugees said.

Hungarian parents are telling their children not to answer such questions in the schools, the informants added.

Spiritual Bouquet Sent To Pope in Rome

New Orleans—(NC)—The Archconfraternity of St. Ann, with headquarters at the National Shrine of St. Ann here, will send a spiritual bouquet to His Holiness Pope Pius XII to mark its double jubilee.

With prayers being offered by archconfraternity throughout the United States, the spiritual offering is a commemoration of the association's golden jubilee as a confraternity and its silver jubilee as an archconfraternity.

Mass In St. Alphonsus Church Marks Centennial



PONTIFICAL MASS in St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, Sunday observed the 100th anniversary of the parish. Above is photo showing Auxiliary Bishop Casey and assistants in the Sanctuary

and some of the capacity congregation. Photo below is exterior of the present St. Alphonsus Church edifice. Rev. Frederick G. Straub is pastor.

'100 Years Service To God, Country'

One hundred years of service to God and Country by St. Alphonsus Parish, Auburn, is recorded in word and picture in a 150-page booklet commemorating the centenary of the parish.

In a letter from Bishop Kearney, which forms the preface to the publication, His Excellency makes particular mention of the present pastor, the Rev. Frederick G. Straub:

"Certainly a most vital chapter in that story is the zeal of your devoted pastor, Father Straub. His devotion to your parish and his great accomplishments through the years tell the story of a self-sacrificing and zealous pastor whose only thought has been the glory of God, whose only ambition has

been the salvation of souls."

FATHER STRAUB came to St. Alphonsus on July 1, 1924, when the church was located on Water St. At that time he had been ordained 11 years and, prior to his Auburn assignment, was procurator at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester and pastor of the parish, St. Bernard's Church, Scripps.

In September of that year, St. Alphonsus School was reopened, the rectory was completely renovated and new heating plants were installed in the church and rectory.

On Nov. 3, 1928, Father Straub announced the purchase of three pieces of property adjacent to Genesee St. as a site for the new St. Alphonsus Church, the third church in the history of the parish. Bishop O'Brien offered the first Mass and officiated at the dedication ceremonies on Dec. 21, 1930.

On July 13, 1933, ground was purchased on Owasco Lake and the plans for Camp Columbus were drawn up by the late Rev. Walter A. Fischer, then assistant pastor.

Additions and improvements through the years that followed now make the camp available with housing facilities for 72 youngsters with six weeks of camping for the boys and three for the girls.

AS A PERPETUAL symbol of gratitude of the parishioners of St. Alphonsus to their members who served both World Wars, a set of twenty-five Carillon bells and chimes was dedicated with a Solemn High Mass celebrated by Father Straub on November 11, 1947.

The new St. Alphonsus School was dedicated on Oct. 8, 1956 with Bishop Kearney, officiating. Increased registration necessitated an addition to the school which was blessed by Father Straub on Aug. 31, 1952.

In the frontispiece letter of the centenary booklet, Bishop Kearney tells the St. Alphonsus parishioners: "The outstanding story of the progress of your parish through the century is one of the most impressive pages in the history of the diocese."

ST. ALPHONSUS Parish was officially founded in May, 1853. The first church was located at 10 Wall St., near State. It was formerly a barn, used as a cooper shop, and was purchased for \$400. For fifteen years, St. Alphonsus Parish was part of the diocese of Buffalo, as the Rochester diocese was not organized until 1868.

The first resident pastor, the Rev. Jacob Kunze of Buffalo, came to St. Alphonsus in August, 1853. Intermittently through the next sixteen years, the Redemptorist Fathers from St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, served the Auburn parish.

Under one of these, the Rev. Francis VanZestete, negotiations were made for the purchase of property on Wall St. for the erection of a new church.

In 1869, the Rev. Charles A. Vogel, the first priest from the newly founded Rochester diocese, became pastor. On Nov. 26, 1871, the second St. Alphonsus Church on Wall St., was dedicated by Bishop Bernard McQuid, first Bishop of Rochester.

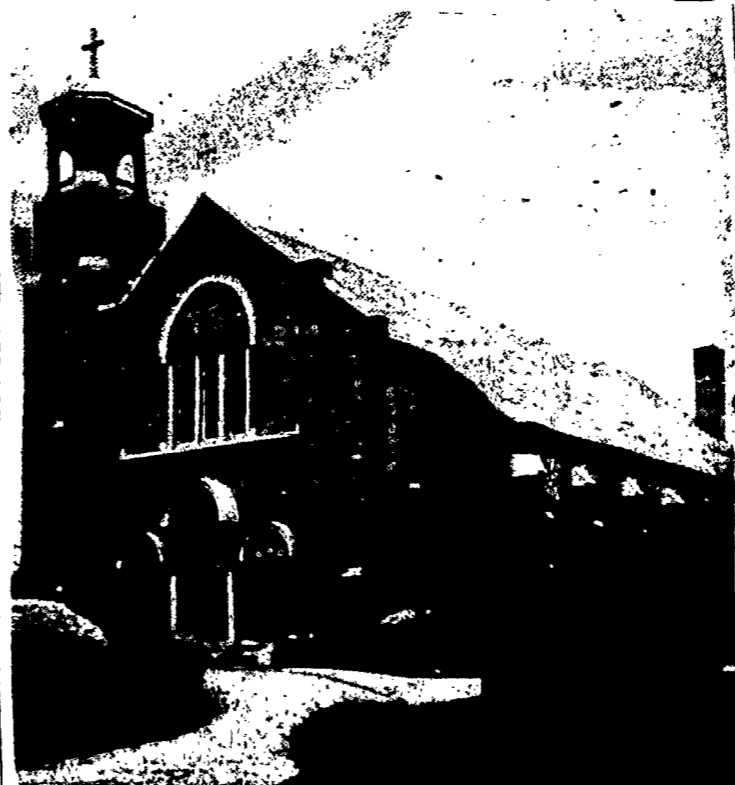
FATHER VOGEL was succeeded on Aug. 6, 1874 by the Rev. Constantin Ulrich, who established a temporary school in the old Academy of Music.

The next pastor, the Rev. Joseph Netzel, arrived in June, 1887 and a permanent school was established with the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge. Under Father Netzel's pastorate, improvements were made on the church and two youth societies were founded in the parish.

The Rev. Herbert Regenbogen succeeded Father Ulrich as pastor in 1896. During his 28 years of service, a new school was built and dedicated on July 29, 1905 by Bishop Thomas Hickey, then Coadjutor Bishop of Rochester. St. Hyacinth's Church was established by the Polish Catholics of St. Alphonsus, and a Holy Name Society was founded in 1907.

In 1914, some church improvements were made and in Feb. 1921, the church was redecorated.

FATHER REGENBOGEN died on Jan. 17, 1924 after a long illness.



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320 Awards For Aquinas Boys Slated

The Rev. John F. Murphy C.S.E., president of St. John Fisher College, was chosen by Aquinas Men's Club to be guest speaker at the Awards Night, Thursday, June 18.

Some 320 boys have been invited as guests of the Club and each will be honored as a member of one of the various committees or teams or clubs that function each year at Aquinas Institute.

ALL VARIETY teams will be honored guests as well as St. Thomas Club members, the band, publicity staff, cheerleaders, and others. Several prominent athletes will make presentations. Don Ekloder of West Point, Bob Niernmeyer of Indiana, and Art Hillis of Brockport will do some of the honors.

Raymond J. Hasebauer will honor the band and will himself be presented with a special plaque. Elmer E. Fairchild Sr. will present baseball awards.

Ron Mack has been chosen outstanding athlete of the year and will be presented the Outstanding Athlete of the Year Award. This is the "Cy Krenzer Trophy."

An smorgasbord will be served in the cafeteria from 6-8:00 to 8:00 p.m. The presentations will be held in the auditorium, with the program lasting one hour. The smorgasbord is a father-and-son affair, but everyone is welcome for the auditorium program.

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